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**Response to Non-Compliant Amendment**

This communication is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated 17 November 2003. This response is filed within the one (1) month shortened statutory period and therefore no request accompanies this response. Please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims, including the full text of withdrawn claims, begin on page 2 of this paper and replaces the previously submitted Amendments pursuant to the Mandates of the Notice

A Conclusion begins on page 10 of this paper.



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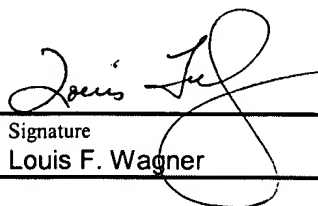
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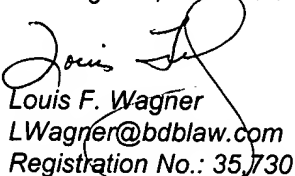
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In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment issued November 17, 2003, transmitted herewith is the following:

- 1) Corrected copy of amended claims section of Amendment; and
- 2) Return postcard

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